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The USDA Forest Service, Michigan National Forests are beginning the process to revise their Forest Plans and want to hear from you! A series of public meetings have been scheduled in several Upper Peninsula communities beginning January 27, 2003.

National Forests in the State of Michigan and across the country provide multiple benefits for everyone! Whether you are looking for an outdoor recreation experience, a scenic drive, an opportunity to view wildlife, or use forest products, your National Forests are managed to supply a full spectrum of uses.

How each National Forest is managed is outlined in their individual Forest Plan. Forest Plans are created to outline broad goals, desired conditions, and priorities for a Forest for the next decade or more. Imagine, being able to help determine how a National Forest is managed over the course of the next 10 to 15 years. Well, now is your opportunity to get involved.

If you are already familiar with the Forest Plan, we need your comments to determine what's working, what we need to change, and why. If this is your first experience with Forest Plans and Forest Service public meetings, this is your opportunity to get in on the ground floor. Learn why we have Plans, how they are created, and why public involvement is critical to the process. Through enhanced public participation, we can revise our Plans so they are practical and valuable to forest users.

While your comments may be specific to the Plan, if you are not familiar with its contents, you can still provide input. We want to hear how you feel about the management of the Ottawa National Forest—what you see, what you like, what you don't like, what you would change and why. This identification of issues to address through the Revision process is the first of many opportunities you will have to be involved.

To learn more, please attend one of our upcoming meetings:

- January 27, 6:00p – 9:00p (EST)
Ontonagon County Courthouse
725 Greenland Road
Ontonagon, Michigan
- January 28, 6:00p – 9:00p (EST)
Best Western Lakeside Inn
900 South US 41
Baraga, Michigan
- January 30, 6:00p – 9:00p (CST)
Ottawa Visitor's Center
Corner of US 2 & 45
Watersmeet, Michigan
- February 1, 1:00p – 4:00p (EST)
Ewen-Trout Creek School
126 North Airport Road
Ewen, Michigan
- February 3, 6:00p – 9:00p (CST)
Iron River City Hall
106 West Genesee Street
Iron River, Michigan
- February 4, 6:00p – 9:00p (CST)
Ironwood Memorial Building
213 S. Marquette Street
Ironwood, Michigan

For additional information, please call Lisa Klaus at 906-932-1330, ext. 328 or visit our web-site at www.fs.fed.us/r9/ottawa

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